



What to do if you receive a Notice of Violation.

You have three choices when you receive a Notice.

1. Pay the \$75 fine.

Pay Online. Log on to www.ViolationInfo.com by entering your Notice # and Pin # shown in the red box on the front right of your Notice. A convenience fee will be assessed at the time of payment.

Pay by Mail. Mail your check or money order (payable to the City of Houston) in the enclosed envelope with the coupon printed at the bottom of the Notice.

Pay by Credit Card. Call toll free 1-866-790-4111 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. CST. There is a convenience fee that will be assessed at the time of payment.

Pay in Person. You may pay in person by appearing at the Houston Municipal Court building located at:

Houston Municipal Court
1400 Lubbock
Houston, TX 77002-1553
713-247-5100

2. Appeal the violation.

You or your legal counsel must appear in court on or before the due date listed on the top and bottom right of your Notice in order to request a review of your Notice of Violation before an Adjudicative Hearing Officer as detailed in the Code of Ordinance. You may have an immediate hearing or you may have your legal counsel post the fine amount and set up a future hearing date to be held within 30 days of scheduling.

3. Submit a Declaration of Non-Liability stating that you were not driving the car.

You may obtain a DECLARATION OF NON-LIABILITY from the Court or simply download from www.ViolationInfo.com. This affidavit must be completed accurately, in its entirety and hand-delivered by the person to the Court.



For more information about the City of Houston's Focus on Safety Red Light Camera Enforcement Program, visit the Web site at www.houstontx.gov/police/trafficsafety.htm

or contact:

Violation Processing Center
Houston Customer Service Center
Toll Free: 1-866-790-4111



RED LIGHT CAMERA ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

Why install red light cameras?

The City of Houston is committed to the safety of the community and dedicated to reducing preventable collisions at signalized intersections. Every year, thousands of crashes occur in Houston due to motorists that run red lights.

The Stop Red Light Running Program reports that red light camera safety programs in other cities have resulted in crash reductions between 40 and 90 percent.

The time saved by running a red light — only seconds.

Red light running is the leading cause of urban crashes according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. In 2004, more than 900 people were killed and an estimated 168,000 were injured in crashes that involved red light running.

Houston-Galveston Area Council data indicates that red light collisions in the Houston area account for approximately \$225 million per year in total comprehensive cost.

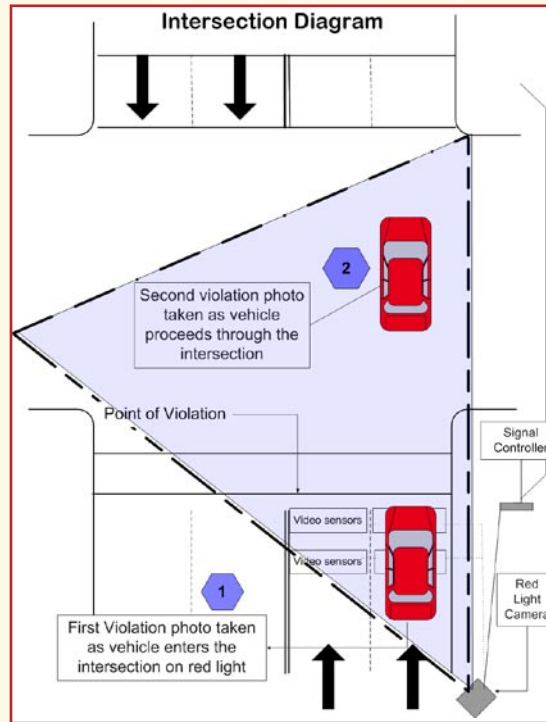
Police can't be at the intersection 24/7.

The City of Houston simply does not have enough officers to set up conventional police enforcement at each intersection and enforce red light running violations. In addition to manpower limitations, traditional enforcement endangers the lives of officers as well as innocent motorists and pedestrians due to the fact that the officer typically follows a violating vehicle through the red light to stop it.

We want to change driver behavior.

The ultimate goal of the red light camera traffic safety program is to change driver behavior. Every driver makes a decision when approaching an intersection where the light has just turned red. Impatient drivers often choose to continue through the intersection, ignoring the law and putting lives at risk. According to New York City statistics, since the operation of their red light camera traffic safety system began, red light running has decreased by 73 percent.

How does it work?



The system is activated when a vehicle enters the intersection AFTER the traffic signal has turned red. The camera system takes a series of two images.

- 1 The first image shows the vehicle before crossing the white stop line after the red light was illuminated.
- 2 The second image shows the violator in the middle of the intersection with the red light illuminated

Time, date, and duration of the yellow and red lights are also recorded. A close-up of the vehicle's license plate is created from one of the two images captured.

Vehicles in the intersection when the signal changes to red will not activate the cameras.

Notices are approved by the Houston Police Department.

For each violation, the images and video are reviewed and approved by the Houston Police Department before a Notice of Violation is issued and mailed to the vehicle's registered owner.

Notices of Violation identify the vehicle not the driver.

Violation images capture the vehicle, the license plate number, and the violation itself. Video enables the system to capture extenuating circumstances, and a detailed overview of the intersection. All violations are issued to the vehicle's registered owner. No images of the vehicle's occupants are captured or appear on the Notices of Violation.

NOTICE OF VIOLATION
Houston Police Department
Photo Enforcement Program
PO Box 74500
Houston, TX 77202

VIOLATOR INFORMATION
Name: JOHN M DOE
Address: 100 EAST STREET
City: HOUSTON, TX 77002

VIOLATION INFORMATION
Date: 12/13/2009
Time: 11:58 AM
Location: 100 EAST STREET @ HUGHES STREET
Description: RED LIGHT VIOLATION

CAMERA INFORMATION
Camera ID: 000000012345
Camera Name: 100 EAST STREET @ HUGHES STREET
Camera Address: 100 EAST STREET @ HUGHES STREET

VIOLATOR SIGNATURE
Signature: [Signature]
Date: 12/13/2009

CAMERA OPERATOR SIGNATURE
Signature: [Signature]
Date: 12/13/2009

VIOLATOR CONTACT INFORMATION
Phone: (713) 555-1234
Email: john.m.doe@houston.gov
Fax: (713) 555-5678

How do violations affect my driving record and insurance?

Violations captured by the red light camera traffic safety program are civil violations and treated much like parking tickets. This violation is not reported to the Texas Department of Public Safety nor your insurance company.

